

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Daniel Ovanezian on 09/28/2006.

The application has been amended as follows: in line 8 of <sup>claim</sup>line 24 replace the recitation "power to the" for "power to a".

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### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-49 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 1-49 are allowed because the references cited fail to teach, as applicant has a loop extender communications module having a power supply coupled to the ' the first local loop and the second local loop for receiving power and control signal and providing power and control signal to a first local loop and the second local loop, and coupled to the plurality of loop extenders for providing the control signal and power to the plurality of loop extenders; providing power to a loop extender communications module having a power supply by supplying a voltage between a first local loop of the plurality of local loops and a second local loop of the plurality of local loops for providing power to a plurality of loop extenders; and transmitting control signals to a loop extender communications module having a power supply via the first local loop and via the second local loop, receiving the